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11,286 property-related crimes in 2024; recovery higher in serious crimes, but vehicle thieves and burglars prove slippery

Despite a ban by BBMP and High Court's strict directives against them, it is that time again when illegal banners have cropped up everywhere in the city

SEASON'S LEAVINGS

Special drive conducted on Dec 31, but even that couldn't clear city of the eyesores

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Politicians and their supporters are like habitual offenders committing a crime without any regret or remorse when it comes to putting up flexes and banners. Be it a birthday, or a remotely special day -- a banner crops up. The politicians and their supporters are fully aware that putting up these posters is not only ruining the beauty of the city but is also against norms. They are aware that Karnataka High Court has also banned illegal and unauthorised banners in the city yet they continue to violate the norm and the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) officials remain apathetic.

The politicians, especially vain ones and their staunch supporters compete among themselves to put up banners and posters. With the festive season, banners and posters have cropped up all around wishing the public Christmas, New Year and Sankranti (Pongal) greetings. Usually these posters are graced

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"These illegal installations not only tarnish the beauty of our public spaces but also pose serious safety risks. It's time we hold those responsible accountable and ensure our public spaces are clean, safe, and free from such hazards

—Vinod Jacob, Namma Bengaluru Foundation

Pricey detour

Increased extortion cases at Bengaluru-Mysuru service Road

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Many commuters are choosing to avoid the Bengaluru-Mysuru Expressway to save on expensive toll, opting instead for the adjoining toll-free service roads. However, these cost-saving measures are proving dangerous as incidents of extortion and looting on these roads are on the rise.

While the expressway has faced criticism due to frequent accidents, the service roads are increasingly becoming hotspots for criminal activities, leaving commuters vulnerable to targeted attacks.

According to data provided by the Home Department, a total of 26 cases of extortion and looting have been reported on the service roads so far, with 12 cases registered in Ramanagara district and 14 in Mandya

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THINGS TO DO

01 Honouring chess champ

WestBridge Capital hosts an exclusive event to honour GM Gukesh Dommaraju, the youngest-ever World Chess Champion, following his historic victory at the recently concluded World Chess Championship in December 2024 and bringing back the title, 11 years later. **Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Richmond Town; When: January 5, 4 pm**

02 Bharatanatyam presentation

Vydehi - The Life of Maatha Seeth: A solo thematic production by Acharya Raksha Karthik. This evocative performance, brought to life through the timeless compositions of Saint Tyagaraja, offers a deep dive into the grace, resilience, and devotion of the beloved Maatha Seetha. **Where: Medai, Koramangala When: January 5**

03 Theatre drama

Agni Mattu Male: The play explores themes such as human virtues, austerity, gender roles, the body, knowledge, hunger, desires, lust, stubbornness, action, renunciation, illusion, the forest, the maiden, life, drought, and death, offering a deep reflection on these concepts for the audience. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar; When: January 5**

04 Learn on

Drawing Parallels: Adapting and Adopting Ragas Across Karnatik and Hindustani Music: A masterclass with Dr Sriram Parasuram, a distinguished musician & musicologist. This masterclass is open to vocalists and instrumentalists of both genres. **Where: The Indian Music Experience Museum, JP Nagar When: January 5, 11 am to 1 pm**

05 Pottery class

Hand-built pottery workshop: In the hand-built pottery session, one will be learning about the basics of clay, material preparation & handling, hand-building tools and techniques, and finally create a handcrafted piece of artefact. **Where: StoryZone, HSR Layout; When: Until January 12**

Techie suicide case: Court grants bail to wife, in-laws

A Bengaluru court has granted bail to the wife and in-laws of Atul Subhash, who committed suicide here last month, citing a troubled marriage and accusing his spouse of harassment. The bail has been granted to Atul's wife Nikita Singhania, her mother Nisha Singhania and brother-in-law Anurag Singhania. They would be released from the Bengaluru Central Prison in a day or two after the completion of formalities. The family of Subhash has stated that after obtaining of the order sheet, they would appeal over the decision to grant in the Karnataka High Court. Vinay Singh, counsel representing the family of Subhash, said, "We have to receive the complete order copy to comment. We got the verdict from the court that the bail petition has been allowed. It means that the accused are going to be released on bail. Once the order sheet is received, we will study it and if there is scope based on the grounds on which the bail is provided, we will approach the higher court." **— IANS**

Like a lightpost

Little birds are silhouetted against the setting sun in Bengaluru on Saturday

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School fee hike has put parents in real bind

Parents urge govt to intervene, cap school fees as they surge by 'up to 35%' for AY 2025-26, while state, private school managements justify need for hike

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The rising cost of education is now adding to the financial burden of parents, with a few private schools allegedly hiking fees by 20-35% for the academic year 2025-26. While schools officially reopen in May this year, the admission process for AY 2025-26 is underway, and it is said that revised fees are already being charged.

Existing students are facing a notable increase, while new admissions come with even steeper fees. As of now, there has been no official response from the government, leaving parents anxious and uncertain about the future of their children's education.

Sources said that fee hikes, typically in the range of 5-15%, have surged significantly this year. State syllabus schools, grappling with declining enrollments, have also raised fees to remain financially viable. "It is standard practice for private unaided schools to increase fees by 8% to 15% annually due to rising operational costs, as per established guidelines. However, some schools are raising fees by 30% to 40%, which is unacceptable," said Shashi Kumar D, General Secretary of the Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) and Convenor of Karnataka Private School Managements, Teaching & Non-Teaching Staff Co-ordination Committee (KPMTCC).

Students heading to the exam centre in Kengeri (file photo)

Why are school fees being hiked?

Central syllabus schools have implemented the steepest hikes, with increases of up to 35%. Adding to parents' woes, many schools have discontinued installment payment options, forcing families to bear the financial strain upfront. CBSE and ICSE schools have cited higher management expenses, increased teacher salaries, and inflation as reasons for the sharp rise.

Kumar further added, "For the past five years, departments such as Public Works Department (PWD), Fire and Safety, Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB), Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM), and Revenue have required schools to obtain annual permissions for fee hikes. I think the government should also take the blame. The current situation, where supply exceeds demand and many unauthorised schools exist, is leading to lower enrollment and higher per capita costs, which is why the fee hike is climbing from 10% to 15%."

> **"A moderate increase in fees is acceptable, but this level of hike leaves us with no options. Changing schools isn't feasible due to additional costs** – Sri Harsha, parent

Mixed reactions

Parents, however, are growing increasingly vocal about the impact on their budgets. "A moderate increase is acceptable, but this level of hike leaves us with no options. Changing schools isn't feasible due to the additional costs of admission fees and other expenses," said Sri Harsha, a concerned parent.

The fee hike has sparked a heated debate. Parents are urging the government to intervene and cap fees, while private school associations defend the increases as essential to meet rising operational demands.

Additionally, private school associations argued that the increases are necessary to maintain education quality. Rising operational costs, teacher salaries, higher taxes, and mandated infrastructure upgrades by the Education Department have all contributed to the financial pressures schools face.

Canter crushes scooter rider to death in Hebbal

A man lost his life in an accident near the Hebbal flyover around 9.15 am on Saturday. The man, Manohar Vinayak Rokhade, was riding his electric scooter towards Devanahalli, when he lost control while speeding and crashed into a divider. The impact caused him to fall onto the road, where a canter ran over him.

Despite wearing a helmet, the victim suffered severe head injuries and significant bleeding on his left leg. Passersby and traffic police rushed him to CMI Hospital, but the treatment proved ineffective, and he was declared dead by 10.15 am.

The police, upon arriving at the scene, registered a case at the Hebbal Traffic Police Station. A complaint was filed against Ramesh R, the driver of the canter, who is suspected of causing the accident.

This raises concerns of road safety even with precationary practices in place, like wearing helmets. The investigation is ongoing. — BMB

3 risky wheeling cases reported

Dangerous wheeling activities in the city have been linked to social media platforms, with riders uploading videos of their reckless stunts on Instagram. One such case in Vijayanagar was registered, where the riders showcased their dangerous behaviour, prompting a special operation by the Vijayanagar Traffic Police on Friday

The operation, carried out under the Traffic West Division, began with a focused patrol on the MC Layout 1st A Main Road. Police observed a two-wheeler rider performing a dangerous stunt that jeopardised public safety, riding recklessly toward Viresh Theater. The vehicle was immediately seized, and the rider was booked under Section 281 of the BNS Act and Sections 189, 129, 177 of the IMV Act. A First Information Report (FIR) was registered against the individual for the violation. In a separate incident, while patrolling near KHB Junction, the Vijayanagar traffic police detected another instance of wheeling by a two-wheeler rider. The rider, performing stunts on a scooter, was apprehended, and their vehicle was impounded. Legal action was taken against the rider with a case registered under Section 281 of the BNS Act and Section 189 of the IMV Act. Further patrols on the Vijayanagar Railway Parallel Road revealed yet another case of wheeling. A rider, identified as Ramesh, was observed performing stunts on a two-wheeler near the 250-200 Circle. The traffic police successfully intercepted the vehicle, seized it, and registered a case under the IMV Act. — BMB

2 killed in collision with truck

Two women died in an accident on Thanisandra Main Road on Saturday morning. The victims, identified as 30-year-old Nazia Sultan and 36-year-old Nazia Irfan, were riding a two-wheeler when a speeding Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) garbage truck collided with them. The truck hit the two-wheeler from behind, causing the women to fall and come under the truck's wheels, resulting in their instant death.

The incident occurred around 11.20 am when the women were reportedly overtaking the truck. Local traffic police arrived at the scene shortly after the accident and took the driver of the BBMP truck into custody. The driver is now under investigation.

The bodies of the deceased were shifted to the government hospital for postmortem. A case has been registered at the Hennur police station, and the authorities are looking into the circumstances surrounding the accident. The truck driver faces charges under Section 106(1) (causing death by negligence) and Section 281 (rash driving) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. The investigation is ongoing, and further details are awaited. — BMB

15-yr-old girl dies in plank collapse

A 15-year-old girl died on Saturday around 12:45pm when a wooden plank, used for centering at an under-construction building, collapsed near the VV Puram metro station. The incident occurred around 12:45 pm when a piece of wood fell from the building, and struck Tejaswini as she was walking home after school.

The heavy debris struck the girl on her head, causing severe injuries. Nearby passersby rushed to her aid and transported her to the NIMHANS hospital. Despite all efforts, Tejaswini, a 10th-grade student, succumbed to her injuries. She is survived by her father, a driver, her mother, a homemaker, and a 13-year-old sibling. The VV Puram police quickly arrived at the scene and initiated an investigation. Tejaswini's family has filed a complaint. The investigation is ongoing. — BMB

Boiler explosion in Bidadi injures 5 workers

Five workers were severely injured in a fire mishap that occurred at Orbit Power Company in Bidadi, Ramanagara district, on the morning of January 4, when a malfunctioning boiler exploded. The workers were attempting to fix a boiler-like machine that generates heat, which had stopped working due to ash buildup. The workers opened the machine to inspect the issue when a sudden blast occurred at around 4.00 pm.

The injured workers—Amesh, Tarun, Umesh, Lakhan, and Santoon—are aged between 30 and 35 and are from different parts of northern India. They were immediately rushed to Victory Hospital, where doctors informed the police that three of the workers are in critical condition, with only a 30% chance of recovery.

The factory, which collaborates with BBMP to convert dry waste into power, usually employs over 100 workers, but only five were present at the time of the incident. The boiler, which is typically fully controlled by machines, had stopped functioning due to a blockage during a routine process. In an attempt to manually fix the issue, the workers triggered the explosion.

The security guard at the factory alerted the police and rushed the injured to the hospital. Bidadi Police have registered a case of negligence against the factory manager and have launched an investigation to determine the cause of the explosion. Officials are continuing to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Concerns of workplace safety is triggered strongly with this case. Guidelines to ensure employees' safety at workplaces need stringent implementation. — BMB

Yelahanka flyover delayed yet again, completion set for 2026

BBMP extends deadline for under-construction flyover; increased vehicular traffic and challenges in transporting girders slows progress, frustrating commuters

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(File Photo) Work on flyover began in Jan 2022 with 18-month timeline, but has missed multiple deadlines since

Residents of Yelahanka and its surrounding areas will have to wait at least one more year for traffic conditions to improve, as the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has once again extended the completion deadline for the under-construction flyover. The long-drawn project that was earlier supposed to be completed by March 2025 will now be open to traffic only in 2026.

"The flyover will be open for the public by 31 December 2025," informed Dr BS Prahalad, Chief Engineer (road and infrastructure) of BBMP.

BBMP officials say the delay in the completion of the four-lane flyover is due to an increase in vehicular traffic in the area, considerably reducing working hours.

"The traffic estimate made by us in 2021, before starting the project, has turned on its head. Vehicular traffic in the area has grown three to four times more than our original estimate. This is due to the accelerated development of Dodaballapur and adjoining regions. Thus, our working time on the project, between 10 pm and 6 am, has been considerably reduced due to continuous traffic flow that continues till midnight. It also starts early morning, leaving us little time to accelerate the work pace," added Dr Prahalad.

Work on the much-awaited flyover began in January 2022. The detailed project report of the flyover suggested that the project would be completed in 18 months, and the civic body had then announced that it was looking at wrapping up the project within a year. However, it has missed multiple deadlines since then. As per the previous deadline, it was expected to be inaugurated by December 2023, which was later moved to December 2024, followed by March 2025.

> **"Project started with a promise to wrap up within 18 months. However, even if it is completed by end of this year, it will be obsolete** – Commuter

"Pillar construction work was completed long back. We are mostly struggling with the transport of precast girders from the casting yard to the construction site. The casting yard is nearly seven kilometres away from the site and bringing girders by road is a challenge. It covered almost two sides of the roads and we can transport a maximum of two girders in a day before peak traffic time approaches and we have to leave the site," added Dr Prahalad.

However, officials say there is no shortage of manpower or construction raw materials.

Commuters impatient

Motorists say driving on the stretch has become a nightmare since work on the flyover began more than 30 months ago.

"Two-wheelers, four-wheelers, public transport and pedestrians, we are all suffering. The project started with a promise to wrap up within 18 months and was relevant. However, the situation has changed and even if it is completed by the end of this year, it will be obsolete. The flyover is located on a narrow junction with heavy traffic flow throughout the day," said a regular commuter. Once completed, the flyover will link four traffic junctions: Yelahanka police station, Seshadripuram First Grade College Junction, NES Circle, and Sandeep Unnikrishnan Circle. Moreover, the 1.8 km stretch will give its users signal-free passage too.

26 cases of extortion, looting on service road

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district. Of these, 20 cases have been solved. Despite this, the threat remains persistent, especially in isolated stretches where criminals prey on unsuspecting travelers.

Regular commuters said that the problem is worsened by the fact that many sections of the service roads pass through deserted areas with limited surveillance or police presence.

"Commuters often get confused while navigating these roads and inadvertently end up in isolated locations, increasing their risk of being targeted. Unlike the expressway, where accidents are a primary concern, the service roads pose a different challenge as they lack adequate safety measures such as CCTV cameras and consistent police patrolling," said Avinash Kashyap, a regular traveller. Reacting to this, a police official said they have initiated steps to improve security, including installing CCTV cameras at critical points and enhancing police patrolling. He admitted that gaps in implementation remain, especially in stretches where foot traffic is minimal and the risk of crime is higher. "Commuters are advised to exercise caution while using service roads and to report any suspicious activity to the authorities," he said.

Meanwhile, there is growing pressure on the police and highway authorities to address these safety concerns comprehensively and ensure that both the expressway and service roads are secure for all travellers. A traffic expert said, "Safety on service roads can be significantly enhanced with proactive measures. First, installing high-resolution CCTV cameras at regular intervals along the service roads is critical to monitor and deter criminal activities. Second, increasing the frequency of police patrols, especially during night hours and in deserted stretches, will instill confidence among motorists."

> **"Commuters often get confused while navigating these roads and inadvertently end up in isolated locations, increasing their risk of being targeted** – Avinash Kashyap, commuter

Additionally, ensuring proper lighting on service roads can eliminate dark spots where crimes often occur. Collaborating with local communities to create watch groups can further strengthen security. "Finally, clear signages directing commuters to safer routes, coupled with emergency helpline boards, can save lives and prevent confusion. While toll-free service roads are an economic necessity for many, their safety should not be compromised. A well-coordinated effort between law enforcement, local authorities, and citizens is vital to create safer commuting experiences," he said.

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Footpath woes

Seetharamapalya Metro Station

The footpath from Seetharamapalya Metro Station to Prestige Technostar is poorly maintained, making it challenging for pedestrians to walk.

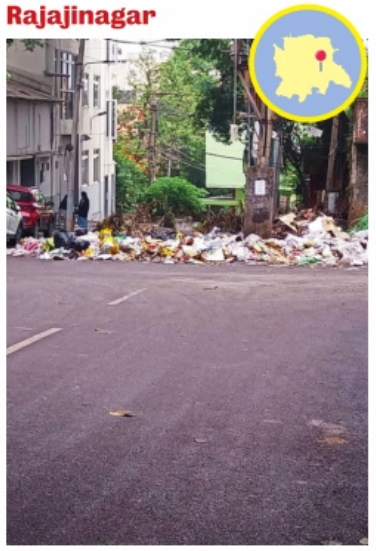
Blocked pavements

Jayanagar

The area around 33rd Cross, 9th to 11th Main, 4th Block Jayanagar, faces issues with broken "No Parking" signs and two-wheelers blocking the pavements.

Garbage overflow

Rajajinagar



Garbage piles up on 4th Main Road, Industrial Town, Rajajinagar, near Dr Rajkumar Ward.

Sand and jelly stones add to Airport Road troubles

Accumulated sand and jelly stones on various roads, including flyovers, can create risks for motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders, during nighttime

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A stretch of Kempegowda International Airport Road reflects the need for better maintenance by the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) to keep city roads clear of sand, jelly stones, and garbage. Accumulated sand and jelly stones on various roads, including flyovers, can create risks for motorists, particularly two-wheeler riders, during nighttime.

The BBMP has the resources, including manpower and mechanical sweeping machines, to maintain important roads and flyovers, but cleanliness remains a challenge. While traffic police have the authority to penalise truck drivers for spilling sand and jelly stones on the road, enforcement of these norms during transportation is minimal, with few drivers facing penalties.

Eshwarappa H, a social activist, criticised BBMP authorities for failing to use mechanical sweeping machines on key roads and flyovers, expressing frustration over their inability to maintain cleanliness. "The BBMP authorities have to take measures to keep the roads neat. It is their responsibility. I used to commute on city roads to different locations on a daily basis. I come across many flyovers and major roads that pose danger to motorists due to accumulated sand and jelly stones. I want the BBMP authorities to take measures to remove sand and jelly stones," said Eshwarappa.

Motorists demand the BBMP authorities ensure the sweeping of roads regularly and traffic police penalise truck drivers for failing to follow safety norms while transporting sand and jelly stones. Joseph Rajasingh of Joes Automobiles Engineers said that gravel and silt on roads make it nearly impossible for bikes to maintain control.

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"BBMP must ensure regular, automated mechanical cleaning of these roads, as these trucks, though procured, are underutilised except on VIP routes

"Even superbikes with ABS (Anti-lock Braking System) cannot counteract the dangers of bad roads. Regular cleaning of highways and main roads is essential to ensure biker safety, as no amount of riding gear can fully protect against grievous injuries or fatalities," said Joseph Rajasingh.

Emphasising the need to keep the roads free from all types of garbage, Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation said that high-speed highways like the airport road are fast and dangerous, also potential death traps for two-wheeler riders, especially with silt or rubble on the road.

"Such hazards can lead to severe injuries and even chain accidents since braking will lead to skidding and more distance to stop and control the vehicle. BBMP must ensure regular, automated mechanical cleaning of these roads, as these trucks, though procured, are underutilised except on VIP routes," said Vinod Jacob.

Stating that keeping roads free of sand, jelly stones, and all other debris is a very important responsibility of the BBMP, Satish Rao, a social activist from Indiranagar said, "This is in addition to the dangers of the ever-increasing menace of potholes. Citizens are diligently paying taxes and they deserve better.

After all, their lives are at stake every single time they hit the roads. Broken limbs, physical and mental agony, lost time, cost of medical recuperation, and sometimes death too," he said.

Bengaluru's power consumption tops state's total at 23%

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Bengaluru is not just a power centre of Karnataka but also a 'power-guzzling' centre for the State as the City consumes the maximum power generated in the State. As per the latest statistics, Bengaluru alone uses 23% of electricity. Bengaluru has historically played a substantial role, although recent figures show a nuanced shift. During the fiscal year 2022-23, the state consumed a total of 5953.88 million units of electricity, with Bengaluru accounting for 1392.80 million units, translating to approximately 23.38% of the state's total consumption. This marked Bengaluru's significant imprint on the state's energy grid, reflecting its status as a major urban centre with considerable energy needs. Moving forward to the fiscal year 2024-25, up to the end of June, Karnataka's overall power consumption stood at 2558.41 million units, with Bengaluru consuming 559.72 million units which means around 21.89% of the state's total consumption for the period.

Interestingly, city's share in Gruha Jyoti is also around 22% of the state's free power. According to the latest statistics by Energy Minister KJ George during the recent session, "Out of the 16,641,767 eligible beneficiaries enrolled in the Gruha Jyoti scheme, Bengaluru accounts for a considerable portion, with 3,769,812 beneficiaries. This figure represents approximately 22.65% of the total beneficiary base statewide. This concentration highlights city's demographic density and the corresponding energy consumption patterns within Karnataka."

Challenging years ahead

The road ahead for power generation in state looks challenging. An official said, "Currently, the state generates 32,000 megawatts, but this is expected to increase to 60,000 megawatts in the next seven years. To meet this goal, Karnataka Power Corporation Limited (KPCL) is taking steps to boost power generation from sources like water, thermal, wind, solar energy. The Mandakini Captive Power Plant in Odisha and the thermal power plant in Chhattisgarh have been commissioned as part of these efforts."

BBMP works to reclaim lake lands

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) informed the High Court that 235 acres of land across 183 active lakes in Bengaluru have been encroached upon by private entities and government agencies. Legal measures are being taken to reclaim these encroachments.

A recent joint survey by BBMP and the Revenue Department revealed the extent of encroachments. In an affidavit filed during the hearing of a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) by Citizen Action Group and other organisations, BBMP disclosed details of lake encroachments for the first time. Out of the 183 lakes, 120 have been partially encroached by private parties, while 131 have been occupied by government agencies for various public amenities. Despite this, BBMP has so far reclaimed only seven acres and three guntas across 13 lakes. In the past three years, BBMP allocated ₹52.55 crore for lake conservation, completing the installation of 38,321 metres of fencing, with an additional 12,575 metres currently underway.

Following court directions, BBMP has published comprehensive details of all 183 active lakes on its website.

Court demands detailed encroachment information

During a recent hearing, Advocate General K Shashikiran Shetty presented lake-related details on behalf of BBMP. However, Senior Advocate Jyothi Kothari, representing the petitioners, argued that BBMP failed to provide specific data on the extent of encroachments for each lake, making eviction efforts challenging. The division bench, led by Chief Justice NV Anjaria, directed BBMP to furnish detailed information about the extent of encroachments, land reclaimed, and pending actions, postponing the hearing.

Encroachments by private and government entities

According to BBMP, private parties have encroached upon 120 lakes, with partial structures present on 88 of them, religious buildings on 42, and slums on 9 lakes. Roads and other developments occupy portions of 7 lakes. Government agencies have also encroached upon 131 lakes for public infrastructure. This includes roads on 116 lakes, cemeteries on 15, temples on 8, government buildings on 24, parks on 5, railway lines on 2, BMTC bus stands on 2, and notified slums on 4 lakes.

BBMP stated that notices have been issued to encroachers, and all necessary legal measures are underway to reclaim the occupied land.

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Buses are full: Commuters call for regular interstate services

Passengers note huge rise in footfall during weekdays, weekends, festive seasons; demand increased KSRTC, APSRTC services on Karnataka-Andhra Pradesh border routes

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Passengers travelling from Bengaluru to Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh borders have raised concerns over the inadequate number of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC) and Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC) regular services on key interstate routes.

Reasoning behind growing demand

Sreesai, a techie residing in Bengaluru told Bangalore Mirror that the demand for buses from Bengaluru to Kadapa, Madanapalle, Tirupati, and Srikalahasti, particularly via Yelahanka, Chintamani, Madanapalle, and Piler, has seen a significant rise during weekdays, weekends, and festive seasons. However, commuters have reported difficulties with private bus operators, citing overcrowding and higher fares. "Hence, we are urging authorities to introduce more regular KSRTC and APSRTC buses on these routes to address the growing demand and ensure smoother travel experiences," he said.

Lack of services from Chintamani depot

He further said that passengers specifically highlighted the lack of KSRTC services from the Chikkaballapur division's Chintamani depot on routes like Bengaluru-Kadapa and Bengaluru-Madanapalle during peak periods such as Deepavali, Ugadi, New Year etc. "Despite high demand on Fridays, weekends, and Mondays, no additional services were deployed, leaving travellers to rely on private buses that often operate beyond capacity," Sreesai said.

Sreesai noted that the commuters have requested the allocation of KSRTC buses and improved management, including appointing a depot manager at the Chintamani division and establishing a ticket checking point at the Madanapalle RTC bus stand. These measures, they believe, will improve service quality and revenue for the transport corporations.

"We request the authorities to take prompt action to enhance interstate connectivity and address these passenger grievances," he added.

Passengers are requesting the authorities concerned to enhance interstate connectivity (file photo)

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India's ace javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra's t-shirt, which he wore in the Paris 2024 Olympics, has been inducted into the prestigious World Athletics Heritage Collection. The reigning World Champions and the Paris 2024 Olympics silver medallist is among 23 athletes whose competition artefacts were recently added to the World Athletics Heritage Collection. "Keeping our Olympic collection up to date, we are proud today to be announcing donations from a trio of Paris 2024 medallists: Yaroslava Mahuchikh, Thea LaFond and Neeraj Chopra," World Athletics president Sebastian Coe said as quoted from Olympics.com.

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A First Check reader recently shared a Threads post by user free.range.momma, on our WhatsApp tipline, which claimed that children are born with innate self-healing capacities.

"IDK who needs to hear this but ... your child's body is born with everything it needs to heal ... unless you go and mess it up with pHARMA products, that is," reads the post that has over 500 likes. This echoes other claims around the self-healing properties of the human body, according to which, the body is capable of developing the right inner ecosystem to cure many illnesses, given the right environment.

Team First Check looked at existing research and evidence, and spoke to experts to ascertain the facts. A blanket statement about all children possessing an inherent healing mechanism is rather far-fetched. In the case of "minor illnesses," children may not even need medicine, according to a public-health advisory issued by the government of Australia. However, the same advisory also said that if a child doesn't get better in 2 days, "it's best to take them to a doctor," and that "seeing the doctor early on in an illness can often prevent it from getting worse." IT also advises to seek urgent care, if the child has fever and other symptoms.

In fact, the success of vaccines in reducing mortality helps to corroborate the effectiveness of pharmaceutical interventions. According to a research study published in The Lancet, "Since 1974, vaccination has averted 154 million deaths, including 146 million among children younger than 5 years of whom 101 million were infants younger than 1 year." Further, a new University of California San Francisco (UCSF)-led study suggests that routinely treating children in Sub-Saharan Africa with a common antibiotic could reduce deaths in children under five. The prime consideration here is that children have an immature immune system.

"We know babies are born with minimal immunity which is called INNATE IMMUNITY which comprises of minimal defence mechanism of baby and antibodies that are transferred from the mom through the placenta to baby. But that is not sufficient enough to protect the baby from deadly diseases hence we vaccinate them to give them active and passive immunity against the diseases," explained Dr Yogesh Kumar Gupta, Consultant-Paediatrician and Intensivist at Fortis Hospital, Bangalore, while adding that such claims are "dangerous."

"As babies grow they get exposed to various infections and body starts developing immunity against the common illnesses. So vaccinating and providing timely pharmacological agents to small babies on time can save lives and which we have seen over time and again with infant mortality and under 5 mortality rates coming down in last 5-6 decades," he explained.

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THE SUNDAY READ

Catch me if you can

11,286 crimes related to property in 2024; recovery higher in serious crimes, but vehicle thieves and burglars prove slippery

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In a comprehensive update on property-related crimes, Bengaluru police have reported a total of 11,286 cases in 2024, with property worth ₹718.09 crore recovered out of a total loss of ₹1,704.79 crore. While the city witnessed notable recovery rates in serious crimes like murder for gain and dacoity, the figures for motor vehicle thefts and house thefts highlighted significant challenges in crime resolution.

Senior officials stated that recovery is challenging as stolen vehicles are often disposed of and gold is melted. The key focus is not just recovery, but detection and taking preventive action to stop such crimes from occurring at all.

Bengaluru recorded 11,286 property-related crimes in 2024, with motor vehicle thefts and house thefts being significant concerns. Of the 5,351 motor vehicle thefts reported, only 2,040 vehicles (38%) were recovered, with ₹26.53 crore recovered out of ₹131.47 crore in losses. Similarly, 1,394 house thefts were reported, but property was recovered in only 453 cases (32%). The total value of property lost in house thefts was ₹89.10 crore, with recoveries amounting to ₹28.80 crore.

The Vijayanagar police officials had arrested a person in 2024 working in a private office in the case of cash theft. The accused had stolen ₹25,00,000 and police were able to recover ₹24,50,000.

DCP (North Division) Saidulu Adavath explained the challenges associated with recovering stolen property in cases of theft. "The recovery process in theft cases is often complicated, especially when dealing with multiple small-scale thefts from large properties or motor vehicles. While some cases see a 100% recovery, others, such as gold thefts, are more difficult. For instance, if 100 grams or 50 grams of gold is stolen, the accused often conducts multiple transactions, converting the stolen goods into cash. They then use the money for personal consumption, parties, or enjoyment. By the time we apprehend them, a significant portion of the stolen assets have already been spent and have made numerous transactions making recovery exceptionally challenging."

A burglar stole valuables, including 109 grams of gold, 1.5 kg of silver, and two two-wheelers worth ₹9.5 lakh, in multiple thefts. Koramangala Police arrested him on December 10, recovering 109 grams of gold, 1.5 kg of silver, and both vehicles by December 15. The accused's confession unraveled five theft cases linked to Koramangala and HSR Layout, including house burglaries and vehicle thefts. On December 17, he was remanded to judicial custody.

Positive recovery outcomes

The recovery rate in murder for gain and dacoity cases was high. In nine cases of murder for gain, the full value of the stolen property— ₹7.61 lakh—was recovered. Similarly, in 34 dacoity cases, 33 were resolved, and property worth ₹2.85 crore was recovered from a total loss of ₹2.81 crore.

According to police data, robbery cases saw a recovery rate of 80% with 445 of the 553 reported, with ₹5.09 crore worth of property reclaimed out of losses amounting to ₹3.21 crore. Chain-snatching incidents, a persistent urban issue, had 140 reported cases, with 117 resolved, leading to the recovery of ₹2.28 crore in assets, compared to a loss of ₹1.81 crore.

In the case of a chain-snatching in Tarabanahalli on December 15, where a 120-gram gold chain worth ₹9.50 lakh was snatched from a homeowner, the police tracked the suspects down. The suspects, three individuals on a bike, had threatened the victim at knifepoint before fleeing. Chikkajala Police tracked them down and recovered the stolen chain and a two-wheeler used in the crime. One accused was remanded to custody, while the juveniles involved were sent to a rehabilitation centre.

House burglaries and other property crimes

House burglaries, which are often a source of major concern for city residents, showed mixed results in terms of recoveries. There were 182 cases of day-time house burglaries, with the police solving 118 of them. Property worth ₹7.53 crore was recovered, while the total loss was ₹6.04 crore. However, there were 764 night-time house burglaries, with the police recovering property worth ₹25.64 crore out of ₹15.13 crore in losses. This shows a recovery rate of approximately 25%, indicating a more difficult challenge for police to resolve night-time thefts.

In another case, an inter-state burglar was arrested, with which 11 burglary cases were solved, leading to the recovery of 1.7 kg gold worth ₹1.36 crore. Apprehended from Uttar Pradesh's Muradabad Jail on November 9, 2024, the accused confessed to multiple crimes. Gold was recovered from Mumbai, Navi Mumbai, Gurugram, and Sambhal pawn shops. The burglars gained entry into the home in Arogya Layout by tampering with the front door lock. They broke in to steal gold and silver ornaments while the residents were not at home. This method of forced entry is common in burglary cases, where locks are often tampered with to gain access to the property.

Servant thefts were another area where recovery was relatively successful, with 175 of 383 cases solved. Stolen property worth ₹46.48 crore was recovered from a total loss of ₹9.81 crore. Ordinary thefts, which account for the highest number of cases (2,243), had a recovery rate of 33%, with 750 cases resolved and property worth ₹22.52 crore recovered out of ₹9.39 crore in total losses.

In an illustrative case, a caretaker stole 157 grams of gold jewelry worth ₹11.5 lakh from her employer in Bhuvaneswari Nagar during her short tenure. The Baiyappanahalli Police arrested her on November 21 and recovered the entire stolen amount 26 grams from Nagavara Palya and 131 grams from JP Nagar by November 28.

Cattle thefts, which are less frequent but still a notable issue in suburban and rural areas of the city, saw a modest recovery rate. Of the 40 cattle theft cases, only 15 were resolved, and stolen property worth ₹37.7 lakh was recovered, compared to a loss of ₹22.25 lakh. Extortion cases, with 193 reported incidents, showed a relatively good recovery rate, with 96 cases resolved. Property worth ₹2.29 crore was recovered from a total loss of ₹1.24 crore.

DCP (North Division) Saidulu Adavath stated that a 60% to 70% recovery rate is considered successful. As part of their preventive measures, they have implemented a lock house monitoring system and raise awareness by encouraging residents to inform authorities when leaving their homes and locking them. During the night, the police conduct checks and increase patrols. Regular distribution of awareness videos and pamphlets is also carried out. The approach is a two-pronged strategy, focusing on both community involvement and intensified efforts to monitor offenders.

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Dream house remains a dream for many in B'luru

Plan to construct 1 lakh housing units for economically weaker population under Chief Minister's Multi-Storey Housing Scheme began in 2018, with very little progress still

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Bengaluru's economically weaker sections and homeless population continue to wait in vain for their promised homes under the Chief Minister's Multi-Storey Housing Scheme. Despite years of anticipation, progress remains slow, with only a fraction of the planned housing units completed.

The ambitious plan to construct one lakh housing units was launched in phases, with administrative approvals granted on November 24, 2018, for Phase 1, June 6, 2019, for additional work, and January 16, 2020, for Phase 2. The Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation under the Department of Housing is implementing the scheme. The plan includes construction of 45,124 one-bedroom flats (1 BHK) and 8,096 two-bedroom flats (2 BHK). However, only 4,721 units have been completed, despite work starting several years ago.

Financial challenges and status

Sources said the construction of 45,124 1 BHK flats requires Rs 5,421 crore. Rs 1,362.74 crore is being provided as assistance—Rs 676.86 crore from the central government and Rs 685.88 crore from the state government. The remaining Rs 4,058.30 crore is to be borne by the beneficiaries themselves. Beneficiaries must pay an initial deposit and can choose their flats online. As of November 28, 2024, 59,668 applicants have applied for 1 BHK flat, while 5,428 have applied for 2 BHK units.

House construction in Bengaluru (File photo)

"For 1 BHK unit, 16,232 applicants have paid a partial deposit totaling Rs 116.90 crore, while 479 applicants have paid the full amount of Rs 35.01 crore. For 2 BHK flats, 472 applicants have paid partial deposits of Rs 18.46 crore, and 139 have fully paid Rs 20.43 crore. To date, only 618 flats—479 (1 BHK) and 139 (2 BHK)—have been allocated to beneficiaries in areas like Anekal (101 units), Yelahanka (140 units), and Yeshwanthpur (180 units)," said a source.

Pricing and subsidies

The cost for a 1 BHK flat is Rs 7.70 lakh for Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST) beneficiaries and Rs 8.50 lakh for others, after deducting government subsidies. The central government provides Rs 1.5 lakh per beneficiary, while the state government offers Rs 2 lakh for SC/ST and Rs 1.2 lakh for other categories. For 2 BHK flats, which are built under a public-private partnership, no government subsidies are provided. Beneficiaries must bear the full cost of Rs 14.70 lakh.

> **Despite 90% of civil work completed for the planned flats, the project is expected to be fully operational and ready for allocation by the end of 2025**
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> –Official

Land and construction issues

Out of the 1,057.37 acres of land allotted for the project, only 514.22 acres are suitable for construction. The remaining 543.15 acres are unsuitable due to quarry pits, lakes, encroachments, and pending legal disputes. An official from the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation said, "Despite 90% of civil work completed for the planned flats, the project is expected to be fully operational and ready for allocation by the end of 2025. Authorities have requested alternative land to compensate for unsuitable plots. The state government remains committed to completing this ambitious project."

HMPV fear: No panic; maintain Covid practices

The spread of Human Meta Pneumo Virus (HMPV) in China has created a lot of buzz on social media. There is a sense of panic as it is being compared with the deadly coronavirus that led to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The reason is that both begin with fever, cough, cold, upper respiratory tract infection, or pneumonia in some cases and spread rapidly.

While the symptoms are similar, healthcare experts say HMPV is genetically different from Covid-19 virus. It does not cause a life-threatening infection and is not a generally fatal disease.

"The HMP virus is very unlike coronavirus. Usually, it does not cause fatality because it is a mild infection and is self-limiting. Even though it occurs in young children and the elderly, it has negligible morbidity and mortality. However, since the present virus is a new mutation, possibly that is the reason behind its rapid spread. Data on these and other aspects of the current virus is awaited," said Dr Srivatsa Lokeshwaran, head of department, Interventional Pulmonology and Lung Transplant, Aster Whitefield Hospital.

Doctors and health workers of Victoria Hospital conduct Covid mock drill (File photo)

However, HMPV may cause severe illness in people with poor immune systems, say healthcare experts. Those with transplant surgeries, ongoing cancer treatment, immunosuppressive medications, and rheumatological problems can develop severe lung infections. While all age groups are susceptible, a significant spike in younger children and older adults has been seen.

"Children less than 5 years and the elderly more than 65 years of age are more vulnerable. Then, with underlying COPD like bronchitis, asthma, and compromised immune systems due to certain ongoing treatments, they might get easily infected by HMPV," said Dr Sachin Kumar, Pulmonology & Critical Care Medicine, Sakra World Hospital.

City-based hospitals add that HMPV is an old virus, although there have been an increasing number of new cases recorded across Asian countries, more commonly in China. Since it spreads through droplet infection, the lessons we learned from Covid would prove useful.

If you are feeling even mildly unwell, wear a mask and stay away from others, as even mildly symptomatic and asymptomatic patients run the chance of spreading the infection.

"If you have a respiratory infection, stay home. Vulnerable people should wear masks and keep their hands clean, as HMPV is droplet-born. Wearing a mask and practicing frequent hand hygiene would reduce the risk of transmission. Although old, the virus is still under study, and thus there is no vaccine available. There is no licensed drug for use at this point. Most of the care is supportive," said Dr Subramanian Swaminathan, Director of Infectious Diseases at Gleneagles Hospitals.

DSP in dock over office washroom fiasco

The Karnataka Court on Saturday remanded the Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) posted with the Madhugiri Subdivision, who was allegedly caught on camera in a compromising position with a woman in his office washroom, to 14 days of judicial custody.

The Madhugiri local court has passed the order. Till Monday, the accused DSP P Ramachandrappa will remain in the Madhugiri prison and later he will be shifted to the district prison of Tumakuru.

The office of the Karnataka Director General of Police (DGP) had issued the suspension orders of DSP P Ramachandrappa in connection with the incident.

A video showing the officer in uniform "romancing" the woman had gone viral on social media in the state, raising serious concerns.

According to sources, the victim, a woman, came into contact with the DSP from Madhugiri town in connection with a land dispute complaint.

The victim from Pavagada town approached the police, and the DSP allegedly exploited his position to coerce her into an objectionable act.

The police officer reportedly took the woman, who had come to complain, to his office washroom to commit the act.

It is suspected that a relative accompanying the woman secretly recorded the incident and circulated the video online.

The 35-second footage showed the officer in uniform and the woman noticing a mobile phone recording through a window.

It showed an objectionable act of the senior officer in uniform. The video also showed the woman noticing the mobile phone at the window. The incident has raised further concerns as Madhugiri town falls within Tumakuru district, the native of State Home Minister G Parameshwara.

The sources also claimed that the DSP used to indulge in objectionable acts with the woman whenever she visited his office in connection with the case.

"Not able to bear the exploitation, the woman's relative had shot a video this time," the sources added.

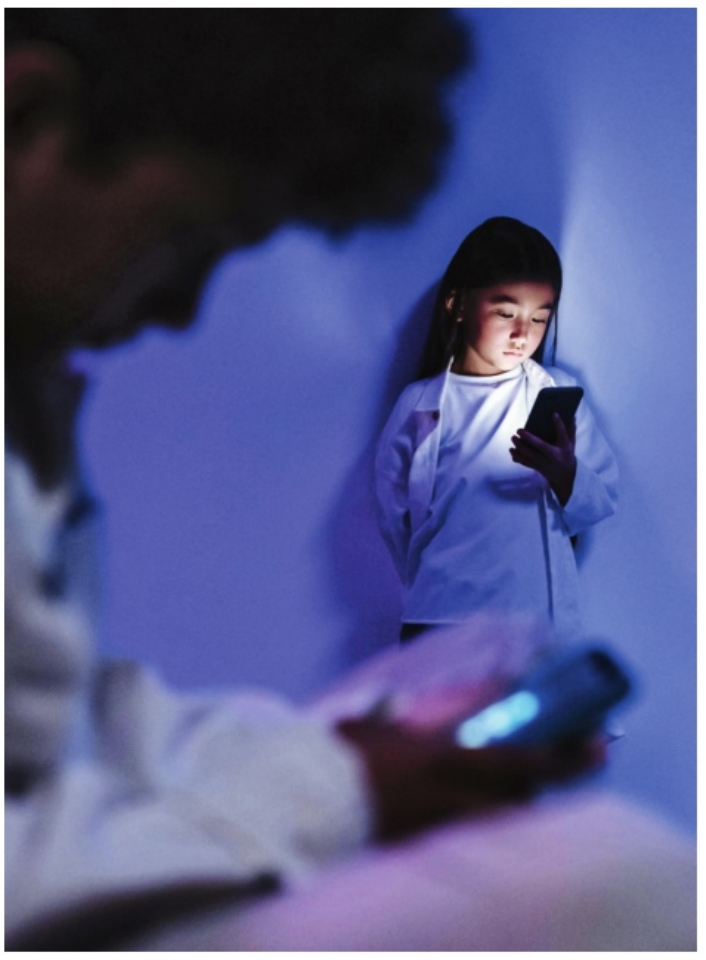
Police sources said that there were complaints of sexual exploitation against the accused officer but due to the lack of evidence and as the victims chose not to speak about the incident, the police officer's actions did not come out in the open.

Tumakuru Superintendent of Police, KV Ashok, conducted the probe and submitted the report in this regard to the department. The accused officer was suspended and later arrested by the police.

The woman who was seen in the video has filed a complaint against him, and the police had filed an FIR under Sections 68 (sexual intercourse by a person in authority abusing their position), 75 (sexual harassment), and 79 (outraging of modesty of a woman) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita Act. **–IANS**

Social media no child's play?

Management of consent, localisation, parental nod for kids on social media in focus: Experts on DPDP



The draft DPDP rules which moot parents' verifiable consent to create a child's user account on social media platforms, and adds localisation requirement for certain types of personal data has significant ramifications for big tech firms, experts say noting that businesses may also face "complex challenges" in managing consent which is core to data protection norms.

According to Deloitte India, maintaining consent artefacts and offering the option to withdraw consent for specific purposes would necessitate changes at design and architecture level of applications and platforms.

The comment comes against the backdrop of the government releasing the long-awaited draft of Digital Personal Data Protection Rules which proposes to make parent's verifiable consent and identification mandatory for creation of child's user account on online or social media platforms, and also moots possible data localisation requirements for specified personal data.

The provision related to localisation and additional oversight on cross-border data sharing in specified cases may see pushback from the industry, particularly big tech companies such as Meta, Amazon and Google, say industry watchers.

According to Probir Roy Chowdhury, Partner, JSA, Advocates & Solicitors, certain aspects of DPDP rules are concerning.

"For example, they enable the government to impose data localisation obligations on significant data fiduciaries/controllers - which may be challenging to implement," Chowdhury said adding that overall draft rules provide much needed clarity on a number of practical aspects relating to compliance with the DPDP Act.

"While the rules outline certain considerations for reasonable security practices, the lack of details leaves room for varied interpretations

Draft rules say: "A significant data fiduciary shall undertake measures to ensure that personal data specified by the central government on the basis of recommendations of a committee constituted by it is processed subject to the restriction that the personal data and the traffic data pertaining to its flow is not transferred outside the territory of India,"

Notably, the draft rules - which are key to enforcing and operationalising data protection Act - seek to make parental nod essential for processing of personal data of children.

Further, parents' identity and age will also have to be validated and verified through voluntarily-provided identity proof issued by an entity entrusted by law or the government.

Complex challenges

"We foresee that businesses will face some complex challenges in managing consent as it forms the heart of the law. Maintaining consent artefacts and offering the option to withdraw consent for specific purposes could necessitate changes at the design and architecture level of applications and platforms," Mayuran Palanisamy, Partner, Deloitte India said.

Companies will need to invest in both technical infrastructure and processes to meet these requirements effectively, Palanisamy said adding this includes relooking into data collection practices, implementing consent management systems, establishing clear data lifecycle protocols and actually percolating down these practices at an implementation level.

"The DPDP rules are quite detailed and give much needed direction to the businesses in India by expounding upon compliance to be carried out by them, such as obligations measures for significant data fiduciaries, registration and obligations of consent managers, the establishment and functioning of the Data Protection Board," Deloitte India said.

Shreya Suri, Partner at IndusLaw said although draft rules provide some clarity on framing and displaying notices under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, they fall short in offering guidance on the mode of delivery or issuance, something well-defined under GDPR.

In the absence of further clarity, much of this is likely to be left to market practice and stakeholder discretion, according to Suri.

Data breach

Another anticipated aspect was the introduction of thresholds for data breach reporting, where minor breaches could have had fewer compliance obligations. The current draft treats all breaches uniformly, requiring the same level of reporting and notification to the Data Protection Board and affected data principals, without granting any discretion whatsoever to data fiduciaries."Additionally, while the rules outline certain considerations for reasonable security practices, the lack of detailed guidance leaves room for varied interpretations. It is likely that stakeholders will adopt practices aligned with the nature and scale of their data processing, but further guidance from the government would be crucial to ensure consistency and compliance across the industry, she said. She said the draft rules offer limited guidance on how children will be identified for the purpose of seeking verifiable parental consent from their parents/ guardians.

"It seems the approach might rely on self-declaration by users, allowing them to indicate whether they are minors or adults. This could potentially lead to broader processing of parental or guardian data, which raises interesting considerations regarding the scale and scope of such data collection," she said.

While the Act references the processing of personal data for persons with disabilities, the rules primarily address children and their parents. There remains some ambiguity around how self-declaration would apply in cases where individuals may not be able to disclose their status independently, she added.

Additionally, the classification of data fiduciaries in the draft rules, which focuses on defining retention periods for data, seems to currently apply only to three categories of fiduciaries, Suri said. **PTI**

BITS & BYTES

AI TO DETECT SUICIDE RISK

A team of US researchers has developed a novel artificial intelligence (AI) system that can help doctors identify patients at risk for suicide.

Researchers from the Vanderbilt University Medical Center said that AI-driven clinical alerts can potentially improve prevention efforts in routine medical settings. The team tested the AI system, called the Vanderbilt Suicide Attempt and Ideation Likelihood model (VSAIL), in three neurology clinics at VUMC. They analysed 7,732 patient visits over six months for suicide risk during regular clinic visits. **IANS**

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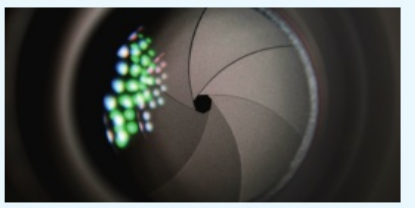

Getty Images Holdings is exploring a merger with its rival Shutterstock, Bloomberg News reported on Friday, citing people familiar with the matter, sending the stock of both image licensing companies up in afternoon trading. Getty's shares were up 20.3% in afternoon trading, while shares of Shutterstock were up 7.7%.

The development comes at a time when Getty Images has struggled to retain customers and replace the lost customers. Its creative and editorial products, two of its largest revenue segments, declined year-over-year in 2023, according to its annual report. The decline in the popularity of stock image websites has coincided with the rise of AI tools. **Reuters**

SUIT AGAINST TIKTOK

TikTok has long known its video livestreams encourage sexual conduct and exploit children yet turned a blind eye because it "profited significantly" from them, according to newly unsealed material in a lawsuit by the state of Utah.

The accusations were made public on Friday, ahead of a scheduled Jan. 19 ban on TikTok in the United States unless its China-based owner, ByteDance, sells the popular social media app.

President-elect Donald Trump has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to put that ban on hold.

TikTok, for its part, has said it prioritizes safe livestreaming. **Reuters**

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Illegal banners crop up all over again

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by multiple people's photos. Residents of Bengaluru sure have no say as most are in no way waiting for greetings from such publicity mongers.

Citizens, some of who want to preserve the city's aesthetics, told BM these banners and posters are eyesores. "It is quite disturbing to come across illegal posters and banners at different locations in the city. The BBMP has banned the raising of banners without permission. Most of the banners and posters put up in the city do not have any permission. The honourable High Court has also banned illegal posters and banners. The BBMP officials must remove these banners and impose penalties on those responsible for putting them up," said Eshwarappa H, a social activist.

"The BBMP lodged complaints and the police registered FIRs but nothing has stopped these people who raise banners and posters again and again"

It is not that the BBMP authorities are not doing anything to end this menace. They have been conducting special drives to remove the flexes, banners and posters, but all has been in vain. The BBMP officials, under the guidance of Snehal R, Commissioner (Bengaluru East), conducted a special drive to remove unauthorised flexes and banners in and around CV Raman Nagar on December 31. However, some banners and posters have come up at different locations.

Stating that the High Court has issued strict directives to curb the proliferation of unauthorised flex banners and emphasising on the enforcement of the Karnataka Open Places (Prevention of Disfigurement) Act, 1981, Vinod Jacob of Namma Bengaluru Foundation said that despite the High Court's strict rules against flex banners and defacing public property, the city continues to suffer from this menace. "These illegal installations not only tarnish the beauty of our public spaces but also pose serious safety risks.

We have seen tragic consequences, including life threatening injuries to many citizens due to an unattended banner in recent years. It's time we hold those responsible accountable and ensure our public spaces are clean, safe, and free from such hazards," he said.

GR Mohan, an advocate who is the counsel for the PIL on illegal banners and flexes, said the problem behind these illegal banners is the lack of commitment among lower level officials of the BBMP. "The BBMP lodged complaints and the police registered FIRs but nothing has stopped these people who raise banners and posters again and again," Mohan said.

Tasty way to good health

Who said what is good for you cannot taste irresistible too?

DAIRY-FREE CARROT HALWA (GAJAR KA HALWA)

INGREDIENTS:
- 2 cups grated carrots
- 1 cup almond milk (or any plant-based milk)
- 2 tbsp jaggery or coconut sugar
- 2 tbsp cashew powder (for creaminess)
- 1 tsp cardamom powder
- 2 tbsp raisins
- 2 tbsp chopped almonds or pistachios (for garnish)

METHOD:
- Heat a non-stick pan and dry roast the grated carrots for 3-4 minutes to release their natural sweetness.
- Add almond milk and cook on low heat, stirring occasionally, until the milk is absorbed (about 10 minutes).
- Add jaggery or coconut sugar and mix well. Stir in cashew powder for a creamy texture.
- Add cardamom powder and raisins. Cook for another 2-3 minutes.
- Top with chopped nuts and serve either warm or chilled.

FESTIVE RAINBOW SALAD WITH A ZESTY PEANUT DRESSING

INGREDIENTS:
- 1 cup shredded purple cabbage
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- ½ cup julienned bell peppers (red and yellow)
- 1 cup cooked chickpeas
- ¼ cup roasted peanuts (or seeds for nut-free)
- 2 tbsp chopped coriander

For the dressing:
- 2 tbsp peanut butter
- 1 tbsp soy sauce
- 1 tbsp lime juice
- 1 tsp maple syrup
- 1 small clove garlic (grated)
- Water to adjust consistency

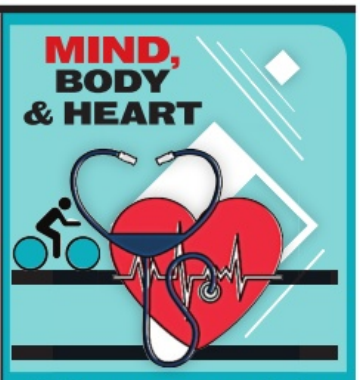
METHOD:
- In a large mixing bowl, combine purple cabbage, carrots, bell peppers, chickpeas, and coriander.
- In a small bowl, whisk together peanut butter, soy sauce, lime juice, maple syrup, and garlic. Add water gradually until the dressing is pourable.
- Drizzle the dressing over the salad and mix thoroughly. Top it off with roasted peanuts or seeds for garnish.
- Serve fresh! This colorful salad is crunchy, tangy, and full of familiar flavors with a festive twist.

CLASSIC SPINACH AND CORN OPEN SANDWICH

INGREDIENTS:
- 4 slices of whole-grain or sourdough bread
- 2 cups fresh spinach leaves
- 1 cup boiled sweet corn
- 1 small onion (finely chopped)
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp mixed herbs or oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 tbsp plant-based cream cheese (optional, for added creaminess)

METHOD:
- Warm olive oil in a pan and sauté the onions until they turn soft. Stir in the spinach, sweet corn, mixed herbs, salt, and pepper, and cook for 2-3 minutes until the spinach wilts.
- Toast the bread slices lightly on a pan or toaster.
- Spread plant-based cream cheese on the bread (optional).
- Top with the spinach-corn mixture and serve warm.

(Recipes curated by Nidhi Nahata, plant-based health coach and recipe creator)



All you need to know about...

Gen Beta

Who are they?
Well, kids born between the year 2025 and 2039 form this generation called Beta. And now we can successfully move over Gen alpha. With AI deeply integrated into their daily lives from the moment they are born, they will grow up immersed in virtual environments, personalized learning, and entertainment tailored to their every need. Unlike earlier generations that learned to adapt to technology as it grew, Gen Beta will be born into it making us look like we need digital tutorials.
There is also a negative side to this as experts predict this generation's kids will lack struggle with creativity and decision-making skills.

Five key traits
Digital On Their Finger Tips: Gen Beta will grow up in an environment where digital interaction is the norm. They will be highly connected, learning, working, and building friendships primarily in virtual spaces.

Balance Between Both Worlds: While staying digitally connected, Gen Beta will also focus on developing strong personal identities, both online and offline, with the guidance of their parents.
Being Inclusive: This generation is expected to grow up in an environment that fosters inclusivity, embracing diversity and openness to change.

Environmental Awareness: Raised by millennial and Gen Z parents who prioritize sustainability, Gen Beta will likely be more focused on global issues like climate change and be driven to find innovative solutions.

Adaptability To Demographic Shifts: Gen Beta will witness major demographic changes, such as declining birth rates and longer life expectancies, leading them to focus on population sustainability and long-term societal planning.

– Femina

 # Complete recovery
Kannada star Dr Shivarajkumar has been discharged from the hospital in Miami, US, following complete recovery from cancer, family sources confirmed on Saturday

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A special temple visit

Bollywood actress Janhvi Kapoor visited Tirumala to seek the blessings of Lord Venkateswara on Saturday. She was accompanied by her rumoured boyfriend Shikhar Pahariya. She was surrounded by her security personnel and fans.

She acknowledged the presence of her fans as she greeted them with a smile while exiting the Tirupati temple.

On the work front, Janhvi will be next seen in the film 'Param Sundari' opposite actor Sidharth Malhotra. The duo will be teaming up for the first time in Dinesh Vijan's upcoming directorial. The film will be a cross-cultural love story set in the scenic backwaters of Kerala. Directed by Tushar Jalota, Param Sundari is set to release in theatres on July 25, 2025.

The makers surprised fans as they shared the first-look posters of Sidharth and Janhvi on Instagram. In the poster, Sidharth is seen looking suave in casual attire, while Janhvi stuns in a colourful ethnic outfit. The duo later appears twinning in South Indian attire, with Sidharth carrying Janhvi in his arms.

Maddock Films added a caption in the poster that read, "North ka swag, South ki grace - two worlds collide and spark fly..." -ANI

A year like no other

In conversation with Kani Kusruti on her incredible journey so far

Kani Kusruti says she is happiest at home with her plants in Goa, practising the sitar - a routine that got disrupted due to the year round celebrations of All We Imagine As Light and Girls Will Be Girls, two internationally critically acclaimed films she was part of this year. Kani says, "I think this is mostly the first time I felt there was more celebration than work. I feel it's very disproportionate in terms of celebration - it's like too much celebration. I've never had a year like this."

'Like in every field, in cinema, I think sometimes people get picked up by chance rather than the most deserving ones'

Kani shares,"I will honestly say, I don't think acting is really my cup of tea. I just happened to become an actor at a young age, and I ended up practising it and continuing with it. I have many fellow actors and colleagues from Kerala, theater, and elsewhere who are way more talented, passionate about acting, and hardworking than I am. But, like in every field, I think sometimes people get picked up by chance rather than the most deserving ones."

She continues,"Payal is a really nice person, a good director, and it was a great team. So, I loved working on Payal's film. Some projects come along like that, and I feel truly happy about the way we work together. But when I talk to other actors, I know they feel very happy just acting alone, just being able to play a character - they're genuinely happy. I don't have that kind of happiness.For me, happiness comes when the team is great or when we enjoy the process..."

Kani has worked with many female directors. She says she didn't plan it; it just happened. She says,"I'm just very happy every time it's a female director - Maybe it's because I'm a woman in India, and when I see female directors coming up, I already feel a sense of joy... I'm not saying all women directors are always going to be nice and amazing- not necessarily. In fact, true diversity will come when more women enter the field. Then, we'll have all kinds of films - even bad films - made by women. Why should women bear the burden of making only good films and proving themselves constantly? They should be able to make bad films too, just like everyone."

-Niharika Lal, ETimes

Kiara advised rest

Bollywood actress Kiara Advani has not been hospitalised and had to give the "Game Changer" press meet a skip as she has been advised to rest due to exertion.

A statement on behalf of the actress has been issued by her spokesperson, which read: "Kiara Advani has not been hospitalized. She has been advised to rest due to exertion as she has been working non-stop."

It was earlier on Saturday reported that actress Kiara has been hospitalised in Mumbai. According to several sources and media outlets, it was said that the actress was admitted to the hospital on Saturday morning. However now, her spokesperson has cleared the air. Kiara will be seen sharing screen space with star Ram Charan in "Game Changer" directed by Shankar. Touted as a political drama, the film which is slated to release on January 10, 2025, has Ram Charan playing a double role.

The film follows an IAS officer with anger issues, who strives to combat corrupt politicians, including the CM Bobbili Mopidevi, for destroying his father Appanna's dream of a corruption-free country.

In December, Kiara revealed that she shot a song sequence over an extensive 13-day schedule for the first time. She posted a video of her rehearsing for the song 'Dhop' from "Game Changer."

-IANS

Elegant vibe

She is sleek, she is graceful and she is all things beautiful — Shriya sure knows how to carry off a traditional attire in a regal way

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Zendaya suffered heat stroke on sets of 'Dune: Part 2'

Hollywood actress Zendaya has shared that she got a heat stroke while filming her movie 'Dune: Part 2'.

The actress said she was so worried about getting out of her full-body garment to use the toilet while shooting the sci-fi film in the desert in Jordan that she avoided drinking water and ultimately got heatstroke, reports 'Female First UK'.

She told W magazine, "We were in Jordan. It was very hot, and I remember thinking, 'Oh, man, the bathrooms are so far away', because we had to hike to the locations. If you have to pee, you need at least 10 minutes to get out of the costumes. I was like, 'Damn, I don't want to drink too much water'. I had such a fear of peeing myself or s******* myself, honestly, in the suit on set".

She further mentioned, "One day, I didn't drink enough and I had a heatstroke. I felt so barfy. I remember calling my mom on the bathroom floor, saying, 'I feel terrible.' She was like, 'Did you drink water today?' I said no. I thought I was being smart, but you can't do that. So, lesson learned".

As per 'Female First UK', in the movie, based on the novel by Frank Herbert, Zendaya's character, Fremen warrior Chani, wears a stillsuit, a full-body garment that recycles your waste so that you can stay hydrated in the desert.

Speaking previously about the costume, Zendaya told Total Film, "The suits are not ideal. I wish it was real". "I wish it had a cooling system, and turned our bodily fluids into water, and that you could pee in it. But you can't", she added.

Earlier, the actress' boyfriend Tom Holland listed the perks of working with her. The two have starred in three 'Spider-Man' movies and will spend much of 2025 on film sets together in at least two movies.

-IANS

Chai-Time

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

The distance between points A and B is 360 miles. At the same time John and Bob start driving towards each other, one starting at point A and the other at point B. They meet 2 hours and 40 minutes later. John drives 25% faster than Bob. What is Bob's speed?

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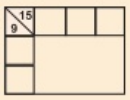
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



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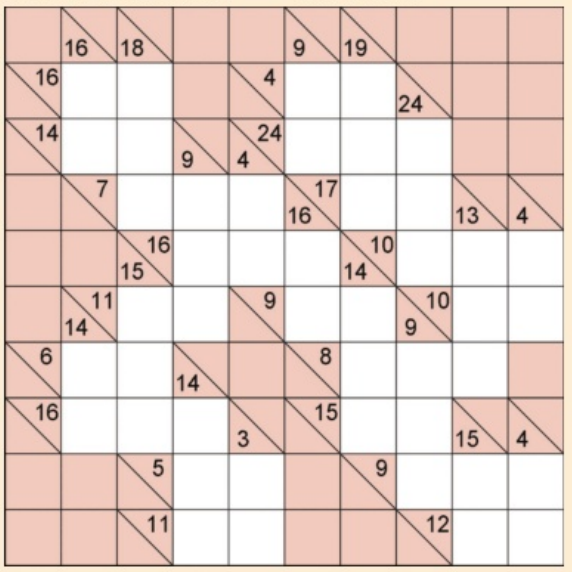

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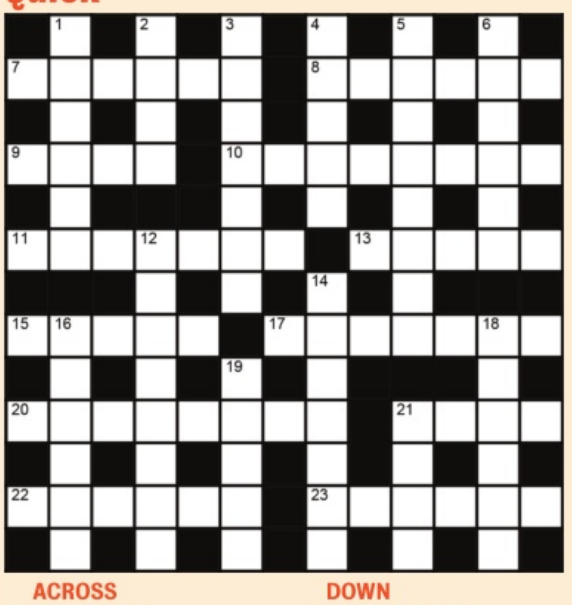

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7 Misgivings (6)
8 Russian currency (6)
9 In a tizzy (4)
10 Small telescope? (8)
11 Putin's compatriot (7)
13 Lift (5)
15 Northernmost district of Karnataka (5)
17 Defeat very narrowly (4,3)
20 Bustles; is agitated or fuddled (8)
21 Shove or thrust (4)
22 Farther or yonder (6)
23 Teem or swarm (6)

DOWN

1 Martial art (4,2)
2 Online journal (4)
3 Normally (2,5)
4 Norse goddess of love (5)
5 At top speed (4,4)
6 Holds or fixes firmly (6)
12 Photograph (8)
14 Lady Gaga or Adele? (3,4)
16 Undernourished or starving (3-3)
18 Not dispatched (6)
19 Curves or turns (5)
21 Manoeuvre (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: M EQUALS A

XVH RILX CRJIEXMYX XVCYOL CY ACKH MEHY'X XVCYOL.

Linemaro

Your beauty rivals the graphics of Call of Duty

Mindchow

Time is the longest distance between two places

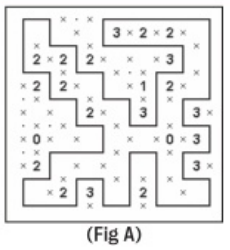
Joke of the day

Q: What lies shivering on the seabed?
A: A nervous wreck

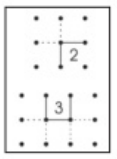
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

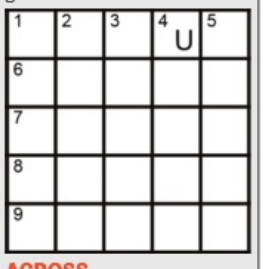
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

Strikeout

This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

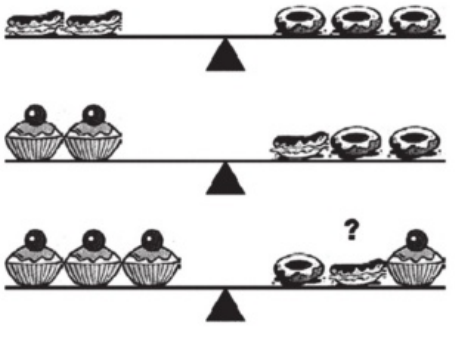
1 As gum; 6 Maleo;
7 It led; 8 Ena me;
9 Mason

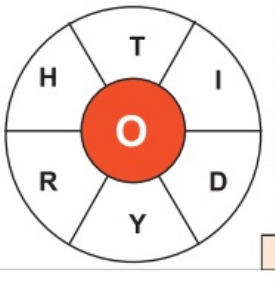
DOWN

1 Teams; 2 Naomi;
3 Log me; 4 A mule;
5 Andes

Mensapuzzle

Which symbol is needed to balance the bottom scale?





Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

6		7				8		5
		5		8		6		
	3		5		9		2	
8			7		2			3
		2				1		
9			6		4			7
	8		9		6		1	
		4		5		3		
1		9				5		6

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

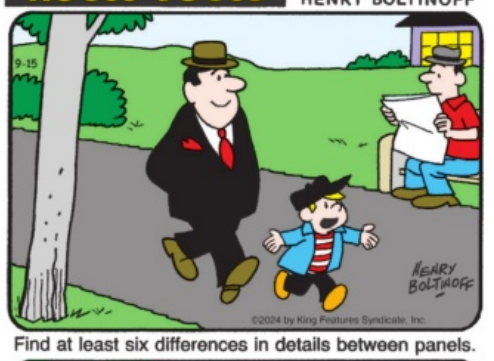
Easy = 13
4 5 5 7

Medium = 31
7 8 8 8

Hard = 7
2 9 9 9

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

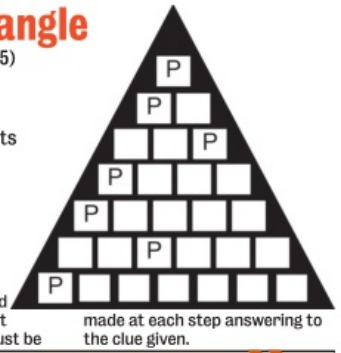
Differences: 1. Arm is raised. 2. Stripes on shirt are different. 3. Bush is added. 4. Bench seat is thicker. 5. Window is different. 6. Pocket is added to boy's jacket.

Riddler

The defendant testified, "The attorney is my brother," but the attorney took the stand and denied having a brother under oath. Who is lying?

Alpha triangle

1 Atomic number (15)
2 Dad
3 Doze
4 Ache
5 Colouring pigments
6 Recording
7 Breaking up



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

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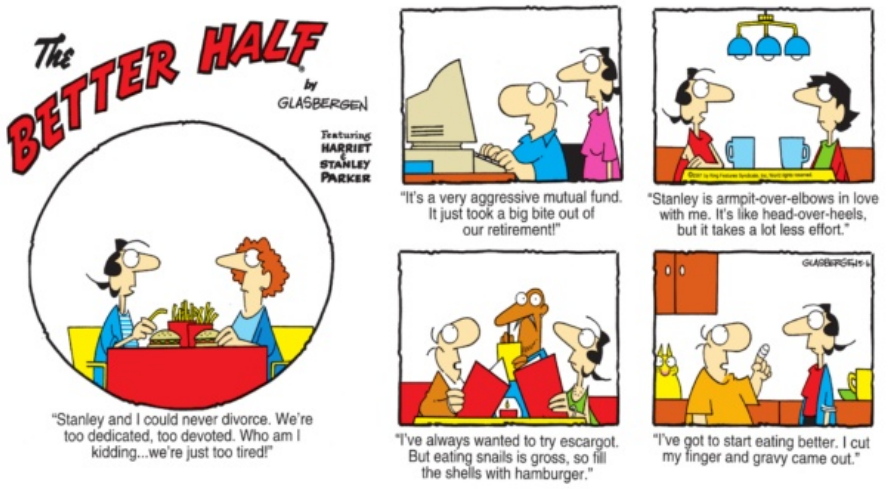
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"It's a very aggressive mutual fund. It just took a big bite out of our retirement!"
"Stanley is armpit-over-elbows in love with me. It's like head-over-heels, but it takes a lot less effort."
"I've always wanted to try escargot. But eating snails is gross, so fill the shells with hamburger."
"I've got to start eating better. I cut my finger and gravy came out."

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND SHELTER.
OUR BEST BET IS TO STAY BY THE SHIP IN CASE HELP ARRIVES.
NOT A CHANCE. ALL THAT SHIP IS IS A BEACON TO THOSE CREATURES OUT THERE.
WE LEAVE THE SHIP AND YOU CAN KISS ANY CHANCE OF RESCUE GOODBYE!
ARROOOOOO
LOOKS LIKE WE DON'T HAVE A CHOICE!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
You may find happiness due to a good planetary composition. You may feel some kind of energy that may create rivalry with those around you. You can spend some time in intellectual pursuits.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today may be a dull day at the start. After evening, you are able to control the negativity. New people may connect with you for work. With their help, you can try to modify your business plans. It is advisable to read documents carefully before signing on them.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you are able to control your self-doubt. Your children's health is good now. Your colleagues may be supportive of your work, which will help you get success in a project. Expect to receive some benefits with salary. Those working in sectors related to milk, water, grains, art and culture will get success.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you may be busy with domestic issues. You may indulge in the arts, movies, and fashion that can enhance your creativity. You may spend money to buy some artefacts and household items that will improve your social status. You are polite with others. You may also plan to visit some of the places your family or friends like.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Your tendency to spend more today may affect your savings. Be careful when expressing yourself at work and home. You should avoid giving any money on loan today. Postpone important decisions on real estate and other property issues. You should try to avoid the tendency to extricate yourself from your responsibilities.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
You may feel happier today and your inner vitality will boost self-confidence. You will feel relaxed after sound sleep. Avoid carelessness while making decisions based on finance, industry and research. You may experience some romantic moments with your spouse. Sometimes, you may face problems of self-esteem and you need to be patient to prevent happy moments from turning into bad ones.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may implement your business plans with the help of your strong network. You can use your wisdom to make a profit. You may also experience harmony at your home and a better understanding between you and your spouse develops. Those working in sectors related to metals, booking agency will have a good day.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
You may be interested in your job today. To avoid a mismatch between your brain and heart while making important decisions, it is advisable that you follow your intuition, especially before making certain decisions related to business, work and investments. There may be workload, but blessings from elders may help you have control over a confusing situation.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Since this morning, you may experience a little peace of mind that you are not in a hurry today, which will reflect in your work pattern. Your destiny may help you complete plans and goals that you had deferred. You may show patience in your domestic life to maintain harmony. You may have skin and stomach-related problems.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may fall victim to negative thoughts. You may feel lethargic. Impatience and arrogance can push you back from making difficult decisions. You may need the blessings of your elders, which will help you get some confidence at work. Avoid investing in dead assets. Love birds should avoid discussing bad experiences from the past.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
It is a good day at work today and you can perform better. Your employer may give you some new responsibilities and you may get a promotion. Disputes with partners can be resolved. You can lend to build your assets. Your children's health may be better now. You may make some investments for the child's future.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be blessed by the moon. Love is in the air. Singles can find a suitable match. You may do better in your professional life. Your friends and co-workers may support you. Investing in gems and jewellery may bring positive returns in the future. Care should be taken about elders' health.

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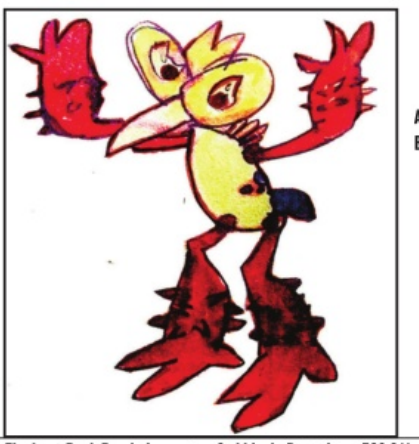

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Let r = Bob's "speed"
(r+6r/4)(8/3) =360
9r/4 = 360(3/8)
9r/4 = 270/2
18r = 4 x 9 x 30
r= 4 x 15
r = 60
Bob's speed: 60 mph
At 60 mph, Bob will have travelled 160 miles in 2 hr 40 min.
At 75 mph, (60+60/4), John will have travelled 200 miles in those same 2 hr 40 min.
160 + 200 = 360 mile

RIDDLER
Neither one of them lied. The defendant was the attorney's sister.

FAST FIVE

M	A	G	U	S
A	M	O	L	E
T	I	L	E	D
E	N	E	M	A
S	O	M	A	N

STRIKE OUT

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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
Doughnut. The Doughnut = 4, the Eclair = 8 and the Bun = 7

QUOTE UNCODE
The most important things in life aren't things.

BULL'S EYE
riot, THYROID, trio, trod

SUDOKU

6	9	7	1	2	3	8	4	5
2	1	5	4	8	7	6	3	9
4	3	8	5	6	9	7	2	1
8	4	6	7	1	2	9	5	3
3	7	2	8	9	5	1	6	4
9	5	1	6	3	4	2	8	7
5	8	3	9	7	6	4	1	2
7	6	4	2	5	1	3	9	8
1	2	9	3	4	8	5	7	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
P, Pa, Nap, Pain, Paint, Taping, Parting.

GO FIGURE
Easy
5 – 4 + 7 + 5 = 13
Medium
8 + 8 + 7 + 8 = 31
Hard
9 – 9 – 2 + 9 = 7

LOOP

KAKURO

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